

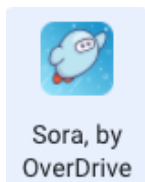


The Official GMS Library

Summer Reading List for 2023

DISCLAIMER: The titles in this list are merely suggestions. [The GMS Library](#) serves students in grades 4-8. This list includes a wide variety of books to appeal to the interests and reading levels of our students; **not every book on this list is suitable for every student.** Parents/guardians are encouraged to review book selections with their child in order to help make

appropriate choices. Students are encouraged to employ the same book selection tactics they use during the school year (the 5-finger rule, read the first few pages, etc.). You'll see some titles listed *more than once* & that's a good sign! Please forgive the citation variations.



We have **an electronic resource** for books called [Sora](#), accessed through the “waffle” in a student’s school Google account. Students have been using it all year to read different types of books & some even come with narration & music! It’s a great resource when students are out of school or away from a library and are looking for something to read. Check out the tutorial on the GMS Library website for more info.

Another resource for e-books & digital audiobooks is right from our online catalog, [Destiny](#). These titles are *always* available, no matter when! There are helpful tutorials on the GMS Library website for this, as well. One more reason to go to the Library’s website: read the student publications GMS 4-5 Greely Gazette & GMS 6-8 literary magazine.

We hope you enjoy this list & have a great, safe summer!

Top 10 books checked out at GMS this year (as of June 12th)

*=number of consecutive years in top 10 (since 2016)

TITLE	AUTHOR	CHECK-OUTS
1. <i>Smile</i> * ⁷	Telgemeier, Raina	56
2. <i>Sisters</i>	Telgemeier, Raina	55
3. <i>The Girl from the Sea</i> (MSBA nominee this year)	Ostertag, Molly	53
4. <i>Garlic & the Vampire</i> (MSBA nominee this year)	Paulsen, Bree	43
5. <i>Logan Likes Mary Anne!</i>	Galligan, Gale	36
6. <i>Boy-Crazy Stacey</i>	Galligan, Gale	35
7. <i>Guts</i>	Telgemeier, Raina	34
8. <i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Getaway</i>	Kinney, Jeff	34
9. <i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days</i>	Kinney, Jeff	33
10. <i>Making Friends</i>	Gudsruk, Kristen	33



2022-23 MSBA Nominees <https://sites.google.com/view/mainestudentbookaward/home>

Designed to expand literary horizons of students in grades 4-8 by encouraging them to read, evaluate, and enjoy a selection of new books and to choose a statewide favorite by ballot each spring.

Alston, B. B. **Amari and the Night Brothers** (GMS tied-2nd place)

Applegate, Katherine. **Willodeen** (GMS tied-2nd place)

Bacon, Lee. **Imaginary**

Bailar, Schuyler. **Obie is Man Enough**

Baron, Chris. **Magical Imperfect, The**

Bowling, Dusti. **Across the Desert**

Chan, Maisie. **Danny Chung Sums It Up**

Culley, Betty. **Down to Earth**

Durham, David Anthony. **Shadow Prince, The**

Fagan, Deva. **Nightingale**

Fipps, Lisa. **Starfish**

Fox, Janet S. **Carry Me Home**

Freeman, Megan E. **Alone** (ME winner)

Guerrero, Tanya. **All You Knead is Love**

Hannah-Jones, Nikole. **1619 Project, The: Born on the Water**

Higuera, Donna Barba. **Last Cuentista, The**

Hosler, Jay. **Way of the Hive, The: A Honey Bee's Story**

Hoyle, McCall. **Stella**

Kelkar, Supriya. **Strong as Fire, Fierce as Flame**

Kessler, Liz. **When the World Was Ours**

Klein, Naomi. **How to Change Everything: The Young Human's Guide to Protecting the Planet and Each Other**

Lawrence, Iain. **Deadman's Castle**

Lim, Elizabeth. **Six Crimson Cranes** (GMS 1st place)

Locke, Katherine, et al. **This is Our Rainbow: 16 Stories of Her, Him, Them and Us**

Merritt, Kory. **School of Phantoms (No Place for Monsters)**

Ostertag, Molly. **Girl From the Sea, The** (GMS tied-2nd place)

Parks, Amy Noelle. **Summer of Brave**

Paulsen, Bree. **Garlic & the Vampire** (ME 2nd place & GMS 3rd place)

Pineiro, Victor. **Time Villains**

Poliquin, Rachel. **Strangest Thing in the Sea, The: and Other Curious Creatures of the Deep**

Rosenberg, Madelyn. **One Small Hop**

Roux, Madeleine. **No Humans Allowed**

Sandri, Barbara. **Chickenology: The Ultimate Encyclopedia**

Smith, Matthew Ross. **Million Dollar Race, The**

Sorosiak, Carrie. **Leonard (My Life as a Cat)**

Swinarski, Claire. **Kate in Between, The**

Uss, Christina. **Erik Vs. Everything**

Venable, Colleen A. **Katie the Catsitter** (ME 3rd place)

Walker, Angharad. **Ash House, The**

Zhao, Katie. **Last Gamer Standing** (GMS tied-2nd place)



2023-24 MSBA Nominees <https://sites.google.com/view/mainestudentbookaward/home>

4th-8th grade students will vote for their favorite from this list in March 2024.

Applebaum Kirsty. **Lifeling**
Bajaj, Varsha. **Thirst**
Blum, Isaac. **The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen**
Bruchac, Joseph. **Voices of the People**
Calabrese, Keith. **Wild Ride**
Cho, John. **Troublemaker**
Culley, Betty. **The Name She Gave Me**
Doleski, Shannon. **Gabe in the After**
Engelfried, Sally. **Learning to Fall**
Faulkner, Matt. **My Nest of Silence**
Gravel, Elise. **Killer Underwear Invasion!: How to Spot Fake News, Disinformation, & Lies**
Guillory, Sarah. **Nowhere Better than Here**
Guojing. **The Flamingo**
Harrington, C. C. **Wildoak**
Hart, Melissa. **Daisy Woodworm Changes the World**
Holt, Hannah. **A History of Underwear with Professor Chicken**
Howell, Destiny. **High Score**
Kaufman, Sashi. **Sardines**
Key, Janet. **Twelfth**
King, A. S. **Attack of the Black Rectangles.**
Levithan, David. **Answers in the Pages**
Lowell, Rebekah. **The Road to After.**
Lukoff, Kyle. **Different Kinds of Fruit**
Malinenko, Ally. **This Appearing House**
Miyazaki, Hayao. **Shuna's Journey**
Nannestad, Katrina. **We Are Wolves**
Ortega, Claribel A. **Frizzy**
Ostertag, Molly. **D & D Dungeon Club: Roll Call**
Perez, Celia C. **Tumble**
Safi, Aminah Mae. **Travelers Along the Way: A Robin Hood Remix**
Sepetys, Ruta. **I Must Betray You**
Smith, Roland. **The Switch**
Snyder, Laurel. **Endlessly Ever After: Pick Your Path to Countless Fairy Tale Endings**
Stamper, Phil. **Small Town Pride**
Starmer, Aaron. **A Million Views**
Steadman, A. F. **Skandar and the Unicorn Thief**
Thomas, Kiah. **The Callers**
Tureaud, Maria. **The Last Hope in Hopetown**
Tyler, Chloe. **Cultured Donuts: Take a Bite out of Art History**
Warga, Jasmine. **A Rover's Story**



2022-23 Chickadee Award Nominees

The goal of this program is for children to develop an appreciation of outstanding writing and illustration in current children's picture books & hope students will become discriminating readers.

Amara and the Bats by Emma Reynolds

Chez Bob by Bob Shea (ME & GMS winner)

Clovis Keeps His Cool by Katelyn Aronson

The First Blade of Sweetgrass: A Native American Story by Suzanne Greenlaw & Gabriel Frey

Kiyoshi's Walk by Mark Karlins

Lunch Every Day by Kathryn Otoshi

Negative Cat by Sophie Blackall (ME 2nd place & GMS 3rd place)

Someone Builds the Dream by Lisa Wheeler

This Very Tree: A Story of 9/11, Resilience, and Regrowth by Sean Rubin (GMS 2nd place & ME 3rd place)

When Langston Dances by Kaija Langley



2023-24 Chickadee Award Nominees

K-4th grade students will vote for their favorite from this list in March 2024.

Big Truck Little Island by Chris Van Dusen

Chickadee: Criminal Mastermind by Monica Silvie & illustrated by Elina Ellis

Everything in It's Place: A Story of Books and Belonging by Pauline David-Sax & illus. by Charnelle Pinkney Barlow

How to Party Like a Snail by Naseem Hrab & illustrated by Kelly Collier

Jack Knight's Brave Flight: How One Gutsy Pilot Saved the US Air Mail Service by Jill Esbaum & illus. by Stacy Innerst

Lion Lights: My Invention That Made Peace With Lions by Richard Turere with Shelly Polloc & illus. by Sonia Possentini

One Turtle's Last Straw: The Real-Life Rescue That Sparked a Sea Change by Elisa Boxer & illus. by Marta Álvarez Miguéns

Tomatoes in My Lunchbox by Constantia Manoli & illustrated by Magdalena Mora

Walter Had a Best Friend by Deborah Underwood & illustrated by Sergio Ruzzier

Wombat Said Come In by Carmen Agra Deedy & illustrated by Brian Lies



The 2022-23 North Star YA Award

Designed to encourage young adults (**grades 7-12**) to read for fun (part of MSBA program).

Arnold, David. *The Electric Kingdom*

Bayron, Kalynn. *This Poison Heart*

Blackwood, Lauren. *Within These Wicked Walls*

Boulley, Angeline. *Firekeeper's Daughter*

Frasier, Crystal, Val Wise, & Oscar O. Jupiter. *Cheer Up! Love and Pompoms*

Green, Holly. *In the Same Boat*

Henley, Ariel. *A Face for Picasso: Coming of Age with Crouzon Syndrome*

Howard, Max. *Surviving American History*

Jean, Emiko. *Tokyo Ever After*

Lo, Malinda. *Last Night at the Telegraph Club*

Lucier, Makiia. *Year of the Reaper*

McBride, Amber. Me (Moth)
 Morris, Brittney. The Cost of Knowing
 Reedy, Trent & Jawad Arash. Enduring Freedom
 Sepetys, Ruta, Andrew Donkin, & Dave Kopka. Between Shades of Gray: The Graphic Novel
 Sharpe, Tess. The Girls I've Been
 Sheinkin, Steve. Fallout: Spies, Superbombs and the Ultimate Cold War Showdown
 Thomas, Angie. Concrete Rose
 Vickers, E.B. Fadeaway
 Zentner, Jeff. In the Wild Light
 Zhao, Xiran Jay. Iron Widow



The 2023-24 North Star YA Award (a project of the MSBA)

7th-12th graders will vote for their favorite book from this list in March 2024.

Albert, Melissa. *Our Crooked Hearts*
 Alfageeh, Sara & N. Shammass. *Squire*
 Arnold, Marie. *I Rise*
 French, Gillian. *Sugaring Off*
 Giles, Lamar. *The Getaway*
 Hayden, Chaz. *The First Thing About You*
 Jackson, Tiffany D. *The Weight of Blood*
 Lamb, Sacha. *When the Angels Left the Old Country*
 McCarthy, Cory. *Man o' War*
 McLemore, Anna-Marie. *Self-Made Boys: A Great Gatsby Remix*
 Reyes, Sonora. *The Lesbiana's Guide to Catholic School*
 Rogers, Andrea L. *Man Made Monsters*
 Schwartz, Dana. *Anatomy: A Love Story*
 Sepetys, Ruta. *I Must Betray You*
 Searle, Sarah Winifred. *The Greatest Thing*
 Smith, Tommie, D. Barnes, & D. Anyabwile. *Victory. Stand! Raising My Fist for Justice*
 Sutano, Jesse Q. *Well, That Was Unexpected*
 Tahir, Sabaa. *All My Rage*
 Tamaki, Mariko. *Cold*
 Thomas, Aiden. *The Sunbearer Trials*
 Reilly, K.J. *Four for the Road*



Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance Award finalists

*Denotes winner

Young People's Literature

Sashi Kaufman, "Sardines"*
 Betty Culley, "The Name She Gave Me"
 Erica Marcus, "Attention Hijacked"

Book Award for Children's Literature

Maryann Cocca-Leffler, "Fighting for Yes! The Story of Disability Rights Activist Judith Heumann"*
Margaret Aitken, "Old Friends"
Fran Hodgkins, "Do Moose Ever...?"
Penny West, "Once Upon a Time Nobody Could Read"

Youth Competition in Fiction

Charlotte Schatz, "To Lend a Hand"*
Molly Gerding, "Fire, Sea, and Stars"
Felicity Record, "A Happier Childhood"

Youth Competition in Nonfiction

Mayinga Mukinayi, "No Food, No Water, Thirteen Days in the Jungle"*
Nazik Adam, "I Built a Home of Poems"
Fabio Caciél-Reyes, "Oh, What Special Memories"
Leela Marie Hidier, "Weaving Home"

Youth Competition in Poetry

Antoanieta Nsimba "What Does the Mouth Do When It Loses Its Ability to Speak?"*
Carolyne Sauda, "Off-shore, You Can Stay"
Katharine Schulz, "Cat"



2023 Newbery Award winner & honor: awarded to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.

"Freewater," written by Amina Luqman-Dawson
"Iveliz Explains It All," written by Andrea Beatriz Arango
"The Last Mapmaker," written by Christina Soontornvat
"Maizy Chen's Last Chance," written by Lisa Yee



2023 Randolph Caldecott Award & honor: awarded annually to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.

"Hot Dog," illustrated and written by Doug Salati
"Ain't Burned All the Bright," illustrated by Jason Griffin, written by Jason Reynolds
"Berry Song," illustrated and written by Michaela Goade
"Choosing Brave: How Mamie Till-Mobley and Emmett Till Sparked the Civil Rights Movement," illustrated by Janelle Washington, written by Angela Joy
"Knight Owl," illustrated and written by Christopher Denise



Alex Awards: given to 10 books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults, ages 12 through 18. Check out the [Book Finder App](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/products/teenbookfinder). <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/products/teenbookfinder>

“A Lady’s Guide to Fortune-Hunting,” by Sophie Irwin

“Babel, Or the Necessity of Violence: An Arcane History of the Oxford Translators' Revolution,” by R. F. Kuang

“Chef’s Kiss,” written by Jarrett Melendez, illustrated by Danica Brine

“Daughter of the Moon Goddess,” by Sue Lynn Tan

“I’m Glad My Mom Died,” by Jennette McCurdy

“Solito: A Memoir,” by Javier Zamora

“The High Desert: Black. Punk. Nowhere.,” written and illustrated by James Spooner

“The Kaiju Preservation Society,” by John Scalzi

“True Biz,” by Sara Nović

“Wash Day Diaries,” written by Jamila Rowser, illustrated by Robyn Smith



Mildred L. Batchelder Award winner & honors: awarded to an American publisher for a children's book considered to be the most outstanding of those books originally published in a foreign language in a foreign country, and subsequently translated into English and published in the United States.

“Just a Girl: A True Story of World War II” Originally published in Italian as “Una bambina e basta. Raccontata agli altri bambini e basta,” the book was written by Lia Levi, illustrated by Jess Mason, translated by Sylvia Notini

“Different: A Story of the Spanish Civil War,” written by Mónica Montañés, illustrated by Eva Sánchez Gómez and translated by Lawrence Schimel

“Dragonfly Eyes,” written by Cao Wenxuan and translated by Helen Wang

“João by a Thread,” written and illustrated by Roger Mello and translated by Daniel Hahn



Pura Belpré Award: presented to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth.

Author award & honors

“Frizzy,” written by Claribel A. Ortega & illustrated by Rose Bousamra

“The Coquíes Still Sing,” written by Karina Nicole González, illustrated by Krystal Quiles

“The Notebook Keeper: A Story of Kindness from the Border,” written by Stephen Briseño, illustrated by Magdalena Mora

“Tumble,” written by Celia C. Pérez

Illustrator award & honors

“Where Wonder Grows,” illustrated by Adriana M. Garcia & written by Xelena González

“The Coquíes Still Sing,” illustrated by Krystal Quiles, written by Karina Nicole González

“A Land of Books: Dreams of Young Mexihcah Word Painters,” illustrated and written by Duncan Tonatiuh

“Magic: Once Upon a Faraway Land,” illustrated and written by Mirelle Ortega

“Phenomenal AOC: The Roots and Rise of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez,” illustrated by Loris Lora & written by Anika Aldamuy Denise

“Srta. Quinces,” illustrated and written by Kat Fajardo, translated by Scholastic Inc.

“Still Dreaming / Seguimos soñando,” illustrated by Magdalena Mora, written by Claudia Guadalupe Martínez, & translated by Luis Humberto Crosthwaite

YA Author award & honors

“Burn Down, Rise Up,” written by Vincent Tirado

“Breathe and Count Back from Ten,” written by Natalia Sylvester

“High Spirits,” written by Camille Gomera-Tavarez

“The Lesbiana’s Guide to Catholic School,” written by Sonora Reyes



Margaret A. Edwards Award: honors an author, as well as a specific body of his/her work, for significant and lasting contribution to young adult literature

This year’s winner: Jason Reynolds, whose books include: “Long Way Down,” “Ghost,” “All American Boys” and “When I Was the Greatest,” among other titles.



Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults: awarded to the best nonfiction book published for young adults, ages 12-18 (winner & finalists)

<https://www.ala.org/yalsa/2023-nonfiction-award-nominations>

Victory. Stand!: Raising My Fist for Justice, by Tommie Smith and Derrick Barnes & illustrated by Dawud Anyabwile

Abuela, Don't Forget Me, by Rex Ogle

American Murderer: The Parasite that Haunted the South, by Gail Jarrow

A Face for Picasso: Coming of Age with Crouzon Syndrome, by Ariel Henley

Unequal: A Story of America, by Michael Eric Dyson and Marc Favreau

Coretta Scott King Book Awards: commemorates the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and honors Mrs. Coretta Scott King for her courage and determination to continue the work for peace. The Coretta Scott King Book Awards recognize outstanding books for young adults and children by African American authors and illustrators that reflect the African American experience. (winner, then honor listed in each category)



Coretta Scott King (Author) Book Award & honors

“Freewater,” written by Amina Luqman-Dawson

“Star Child: A Biographical Constellation of Octavia Estelle Butler,” written by Ibi Zoboi

“The Talk,” written by Alicia D. Williams, illustrated by Briana Mukodiri Uchendu

Victory. Stand!: Raising My Fist for Justice, written by Tommie Smith and Derrick Barnes, illustrated by Dawud Anyabwile



Coretta Scott King (Illustrator) Book Award & honor

“Standing in the Need of Prayer: A Modern Retelling of the Classic Spiritual,” illustrated by Frank Morrison

“Me and the Boss: A Story about Mending and Love,” illustrated by April Harrison, written by Michelle Edwards

“Swim Team,” illustrated and written by Johnnie Christmas

“Victory. Stand!: Raising My Fist for Justice,” illustrated by Dawud Anyabwile, written by Tommie Smith and Derrick Barnes



Coretta Scott King - John Steptoe Award for New Talent: awarded to new talent and to offer visibility to excellence in writing and/or illustration which otherwise might be formally unacknowledged

Author award

“We Deserve Monuments,” written by Jas Hammonds

Illustrator award

“Choosing Brave: How Mamie Till-Mobley and Emmett Till Sparked the Civil Rights Movement,” illustrated by Janelle Washington & written by Angela Joy



Michael L. Printz Award & honors: excellence in literature written for young adults (winner, then honor listed in each category)

“All My Rage,” written by Sabaa Tahir

“Scout’s Honor,” written by Lily Anderson

“Icebreaker,” written by A.L. Graziadei

“When the Angels Left the Old Country,” written by Sacha Lamb

“Queer Ducks (and Other Animals): The Natural World of Animal Sexuality,” written by Eliot Schrefer



Schneider Family Book Award: awarded to books that embody an artistic expression of the disability experience (winner, then honor listed in each category)

Teen Book

“The Words We Keep,” written by Erin Stewart

“Breathe and Count Back from Ten,” written by Natalia Sylvester

Middle School Book

“Wildoak,” written by C.C. Harrington

“Hummingbird,” written by Natalie Lloyd

“Honestly Elliott,” written by Gillian McDunn

Young Children's Book

"Listen: How Evelyn Glennie, a Deaf Girl, Changed Percussion," written by Shannon Stocker, illustrated by Devon Holzwarth

"In the Blue," written and illustrated by Erin Hourigan



Odyssey Award & honor: awarded annually to the best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults, available in English in the United States (winner, then honor listed)

"Stuntboy, in the Meantime," by Jason Reynolds & narrated by Guy Lockard, Nile Bullock, Angel Pean with a full cast (**children**)

"The Three Billy Goats Gruff," retold and narrated by Mac Barnett

"Inheritance: A Visual Poem," written and narrated by Elizabeth Acevedo

"The First Helping (Lunch Lady Books 1 & 2)," written by Jarrett J. Krosoczka and narrated by Kate Flannery, the author and a full cast

"The Honeys," written by Ryan La Sala and narrated by Pete Cross (**young adults**)

"Demon in the Wood Graphic Novel," written by Leigh Bardugo, adaptation by Garet Scott and narrated by Ben Barnes and a full cast



Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal & honors: awarded to the author(s) and illustrator(s) of the most distinguished informational book

"Seen and Unseen: What Dorothea Lange, Toyo Miyatake, and Ansel Adams's Photographs Reveal About the Japanese American Incarceration," written by Elizabeth Partridge and illustrated by Lauren Tamaki

"Choosing Brave: How Mamie Till-Mobley and Emmett Till Sparked the Civil Rights Movement," written by Angela Joy, illustrated by Janelle Washington

"A Seed Grows," written and illustrated by Antoinette Portis

"Sweet Justice: Georgia Gilmore and the Montgomery Bus Boycott," written by Mara Rockliff, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie

"The Tower of Life: How Yaffa Eliach Rebuilt Her Town in Stories and Photographs," written by Chana Stiefel, illustrated by Susan Gal



William C. Morris YA Debut Award & finalists: awarded to a debut book published by a first-time author writing for teens and celebrating impressive new voices in young adult literature

"The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen," written by Isaac Blum

"The Summer of Bitter and Sweet," written by Jen Ferguson (Métis/white)

"Wake the Bones," written by Elizabeth Kilcoyne

"The Lesbiana's Guide to Catholic School," written by Sonora Reyes

“Hell Followed with Us,” written by Andrew Joseph White

American Indian Youth Literature Awards: identify and honor the very best writing and illustrations by and about American Indians and Alaska Natives—awarded every 2 years (winner, then honor listed in each category)

Picture Book

“Herizon,” written by Daniel W. Vandever [Diné], illustrated by Corey Begay [Diné]

"Diné Bich'eeke Yishleeh [Diné Bizaad]/Becoming Miss Navajo [English]," by Jolyana Begay-Kroupa [Diné], designed by Corey Begay [Diné]

"Classified: The Secret Career of Mary Gold Ross, Cherokee Aerospace Engineer," by Traci Sorell [Cherokee], illustrated by Natasha Donovan [Métis]

"Learning My Rights with Mousewoman," written and illustrated by Morgan Asoyuf [Ts'msyen]

"I Sang You Down from the Stars," by Tasha Spillet-Sumner [Cree and Trinidadian], illustrated by Michaela Goade [Tlingit & Haida]

"We Are Still Here! Native American Truths Everyone Should Know," by Traci Sorell [Cherokee], illustrated by Frané Lessac

Middle Grade Book

“Healer of the Water Monster,” written by Brian Young [Diné], cover art by Shonto Begay [Diné]

"Ella Cara Deloria: Dakota Language Protector," by Diane Wilson [Dakota], illustrated by Tashia Hart [Red Lake Anishinaabe]

"Indigenous Peoples' Day," by Katrina M. Phillips [Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe], illustrated by Tashia Hart [Red Lake Anishinaabe]

"Jo Jo Makoons: The Used-to-Be Best Friend," by Dawn Quigley [Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe], illustrated by Tara Audibert [Wolastoquey]

"Peggy Flanagan: Ogimaa Kwe, Lieutenant Governor," by Jessica Engelking [White Earth Band of Ojibwe], illustrated by Tashia Hart [Red Lake Anishinaabe]

“The Sea in Winter,” by Christine Day [Upper Skagit], cover art by Michaela Goade [Tlingit and Haida]

Young Adult Book

“Apple (Skin to the Core),” written by Eric Gansworth [Onondaga], cover art by Filip Peraic

"Elatsoe," by Darcie Little Badger [Lipan Apache Tribe], cover art and illustrations by Rovina Cai

"Firekeeper's Daughter," by Angeline Boulley [Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians], cover art by Moses Lunham [Ojibway and Chippewa]

"Hunting by Stars," by Cherie Dimaline [Métis Nation of Ontario], cover art by Stephen Gladue [Fishing Lake Métis Settlement]

"Notable Native People: 50 Indigenous Leaders, Dreamers, and Changemakers from Past and Present," by Adrienne Keene [Cherokee Nation], illustrated by Ciara Sana [Chamoru]

"Soldiers Unknown," by Chag Lowry [Yurok, Maidu and Achumawi], illustrated by Rahsan Ekedal



Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature: promotes Asian/Pacific American culture and heritage and is awarded based on literary and artistic merit (winner, then honor listed in each category)

Picture Book

“From the Tops of the Trees,” written by Kao Kalia Yang, illustrated by Rachel Wada

“Nana, Nenek & Nina” written and illustrated by Liza Ferneyhough

Children’s Literature

“Maizy Chen’s Last Chance,” written by Lisa Yee

“Troublemaker,” written by John Cho with Sarah Suk

Youth Literature

“Himawari House,” written and illustrated by Harmony Becker

“The Silence that Binds Us,” written by Joanna Ho



The Sydney Taylor Book Award: presented annually to outstanding books for children and teens that authentically portray the Jewish experience (winner, then honor listed in each category)

Picture Book

“The Tower of Life: How Yaffa Eliach Rebuilt Her Town in Stories and Photographs,” by Chana Stiefel, illustrated by Susan Gal

“Big Dreams, Small Fish,” written and illustrated by Paula Cohen

“The Very Best Sukkah: A Story from Uganda,” by Shoshana Nambi, illustrated by Moran Yogev

“Sitting Shiva,” by Erin Silver, illustrated by Michelle Theodore

Middle Grades

“Aviva vs. the Dybbuk,” by Mari Lowe

“Honey and Me,” by Meira Drazin

“Black Bird, Blue Road,” by Sofiya Pasternack

“Ellen Outside the Lines,” by A. J. Sass

Young Adult

“When the Angels Left the Old Country,” by Sacha Lamb

“My Fine Fellow: A Delicious Entanglement,” by Jennieke Cohen

“Some Kind of Hate,” by Sarah Darer Littman

“Eight Nights of Flirting,” by Hannah Reynolds



Stonewall Book Awards - Mike Morgan & Larry Romans Children’s & Young Adult Literature Award: presented to English language books that have exceptional merit relating to the LGBTQIA+ experience (winner, then honor listed)

“Love, Violet,” written by Charlotte Sullivan Wild, illustrated by Charlene Chua (**children’s**)

"In the Key of Us," written by Mariama J. Lockington

"Kapaemahu," written by Hinaileimoana Wong-Kalu, Dean Hamer and Joe Wilson, illustrated by Daniel Sousa

"The Real Riley Mayes," written and illustrated by Rachel Elliott

"Strong," written by Rob Kearney & Eric Rosswood, illustrated by Nidhi Chanani

"When the Angels Left the Old Country," written by Sacha Lamb (**young adult**)

"I Kissed Shara Wheeler," written by Casey McQuiston

"Kings of B'more," written by R. Eric Thomas

"Man o' War," written by Cory McCarthy

"The Summer of Bitter and Sweet," written by Jen Ferguson (Métis/white)



The 2023 Rainbow Book List: an annual annotated bibliography consisting of quality

LGBTQIA+ literature intended for readers from birth to age 18.

Click on the link for the entire list: https://drive.google.com/file/d/14e1HHU_8zP9aL5ZqC_ybKNxqpQAqn50H/view



YALSA'S Best of the Best



While the following books have been selected for teens from 12 to 18 years of age, the award-winning titles and the titles on YALSA's selected lists span a broad range of reading and maturity levels. Adults are encouraged to take an active role in helping individual teens choose books that are the best fit for them and their families. Check out their [Teen Book Finder Database!](#)

Top 10 Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adults full list: <https://www.ala.org/valsa/2023-amazing-audiobooks-young-adults>

Top 10 Best Fiction for Young Adults full list: <https://www.ala.org/valsa/2023-best-fiction-young-adults>

Top 10 Graphic Novels for Teens full list: <https://www.ala.org/valsa/2023-great-graphic-novels-teens>

Top 10 Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers full list: <https://www.ala.org/valsa/2023-quick-picks-reluctant-young-adult-readers>



2023 Teens' Top Ten: a "teen choice" list, where teens nominate & choose their favorite books of the previous year. Voting takes place between 8/15 & the end of Teen Read Week (10/15). For the annotated list of [2023 nominees](#), go to:

<https://www.ala.org/valsa/sites/ala.org.valsa/files/content/2023%20TTT%20Top%20List%283%29.pdf>



Notable Children's Books (draft list): the best of the best in children's books according to Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC)

Middle Readers

Aviva vs. the Dybbuk. By Mari Lowe
Black Bird, Blue Road. By Sofiya Pasternack
Choosing Brave: How Mamie Till-Mobley and Emmett Till Sparked the Civil Rights Movement. By Angela Joy. Illus. by Janelle Washington
Concrete: From the Ground Up. By Larissa Theule. Illus. by Steve Light
Different: A Story of the Spanish Civil War. By Mónica Montañés. Illus. by Eva Sánchez Gómez. Tr. by Lawrence Schimel
Dragonfly Eyes. By Cao Wenxuan. Tr. by Helen Wang
Freewater. By Amina Luqman-Dawson
Frizzy. By Claribel A. Ortega. Art by Rose Bousamra
Jennifer Chan Is Not Alone. By Tae Keller
Just a Girl: A True Story of World War II. By Lia Levi. Illus. by Jess Mason. Tr. by Sylvia Notini
The Last Mapmaker. By Christina Soontornvat
Little Monarchs. Written & illustrated by Jonathan Case
Love in the Library. By Maggie Tokuda-Hall. Illus. by Yas Imamura
Maizy Chen's Last Chance. By Lisa Yee
Odder. By Katherine Applegate. Illus. by Charles Santoso
The Ogress and the Orphans. By Kelly Barnhill
On the Move: Home Is Where You Find It. By Michael Rosen. Illus. by Quentin Blake
Out of the Shadows: How Lotte Reiniger Made the First Animated Fairytale Movie. Written & illustrated by Fiona Robinson
Phenomenal AOC: The Roots and Rise of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. By Anika Aldamuy Denise. Illus. by Loris Lora
A River's Gifts: The Mighty Elwha River Reborn. By Patricia Newman. Illus. by Natasha Donovan
A Rover's Story. By Jasmine Warga
The Secret Battle of Evan Pao. By Wendy Wan-Long Shang
Seeking Freedom: The Untold Story of Fortress Monroe and the Ending of Slavery in America. By Selene Castrovilla. Illus. by E. B. Lewis
Seen and Unseen: What Dorothea Lange, Toyo Miyatake, and Ansel Adams's Photographs Reveal about the Japanese American Incarceration. By Elizabeth Partridge. Illus. by Lauren Tamaki
Smaller Sister. Written & illustrated by Maggie Edkins Willis
Srta. Quinces. Written & illustrated by Kat Fajardo
Swim Team. Written & illustrated by Johnnie Christmas
Those Kids from Fawn Creek. By Erin Entrada Kelly
Tumble. By Celia C. Pérez
The Universe in You. Written & illustrated by Jason Chin
Violet and Jobie in the Wild. Written & illustrated by Lynne Rae Perkins

Older Readers

Ain't Burned All the Bright. By Jason Reynolds. Illus. by Jason Griffin
American Murderer: The Parasite That Haunted the South. By Gail Jarrow

The Bluest Sky. By Christina Diaz Gonzalez
Caprice. By Coe Booth
The Door of No Return. By Kwame Alexander
How to Build a Human: In Seven Evolutionary Steps. By Pamela S. Turner. Illus. by John Gurche
I Must Betray You. By Ruta Sepetys
In the Key of Us. By Mariama J. Lockington
Iveliz Explains It All. By Andrea Beatriz Arango. Illus. by Alyssa Bermudez
The Patron Thief of Bread. By Lindsay Eagar
The Road to After. Written & illustrated by Rebekah Lowell
Star Child: A Biographical Constellation of Octavia Estelle Butler. By Ibi Zoboi
Victory. Stand! Raising My Fist for Justice. By Tommie Smith and Derrick Barnes. Art by Dawud Anyabwile

All Ages

Blue: A History of the Color as Deep as the Sea and as Wide as the Sky. By Nana Ekua Brew-Hammond. Illus. by Daniel Minter
Isla to Island. Written & illustrated by Alexis Castellanos
Killer Underwear Invasion! How to Spot Fake News, Disinformation & Conspiracy Theories. Written & illustrated by Elise Gravel
Marshmallow Clouds: Two Poets at Play among Figures of Speech. By Ted Kooser and Connie Wanek. Illus. by Richard Jones
The Real Dada Mother Goose: A Treasury of Complete Nonsense. By Jon Scieszka. Illus. by Julia Rothman
Standing in the Need of Prayer: A Modern Retelling of the Classic Spiritual. By Carole Boston Weatherford. Illus. by Frank Morrison



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3rd - 5th grade

https://www.cbcbbooks.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023Favorites-Preview_Children3-5.pdf

6th - 8th grade

https://www.cbcbbooks.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023Favorites-Preview_Children6-8.pdf

Young Adult (9th - 12th)

https://www.cbcbbooks.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023Favorites-Preview_YoungAdult.pdf

Also check out these pages on the CBC's website:

[Building a Home Library](#), [INCLUSIVITY BOOK LISTS](#), [Best STEM](#), [Hot off the Press](#), [Notable Social Studies](#), [Outstanding Science](#), [Reading Beyond](#) (books for children who read at an advanced level and are seeking more challenging, but still age-appropriate, books)



National Book Award: Young People's Literature

The best books published each year, awarded in the following November. The winners & the Longlist titles are listed here:

<https://www.nationalbook.org/awards-prizes/national-book-awards-2022/?cat=ypl>



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Literature

Each year publishing houses send thousands of review copies of new children's and young adult books to the Maine Examination Collection at the Southern Maine Library District. The books are reviewed at monthly book review meetings by local librarians. The "Cream of the Crop" Collection contains books from preschool to high school age levels.

<https://mslbookreview.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Cream-list-2023-annotated-bibliography.pdf>



YALSA's Teen Book Finder App & Database

<http://booklists.yalsa.net/>

Remember- reading over the summer helps prevent the “summer slide” when students can lose months of progress made during the school year. Reading books, magazines, newspapers, comics, and cereal boxes all help! Reading to younger siblings, friends/family, or pets is not only beneficial but fun.



Don't forget the [Prince Memorial Library](#) has great programming all summer long and participation in the [Summer Reading Program](#) is free & lots of fun!



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